GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF BOILERS IN HFCI
SUNIL KHAN

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the preservation cost per month of H.F.C.I., Durgapur unit is around Rs.1.5 crore, whereas only Rs.10 crore are required for setting up boilers for starting the production;

(b) if so, the reasons for not allocating the said amount for setting up boilers for production;

(c) whether the Government are considering to provide this amount to HFCI; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) to (d) : The preservation cost of Durgapur unit of Hindustan Fertilizer CorporationLtd.(HFC) is around Rs.5.00 lakhs per month. The operations of the Durgapur plant had to be suspended due to a fire accident in the primary reformer top. The restart of this plant requires a minimum expenditure of Rs.88 crore. The plant has been kept under preservation as its sustained and viable operations are not feasible unless a complete revamp of the plant is undertaken which is hampered by budgetary constraints and high cost of production. Hence, it will be possible to consider the resumption of production at Durgapur unit only in terms of the decision of the Government on the revival of HFC which stands referred to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction.